

DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

Thursday, Dec. 16

1999

Space Shuttle Hubble mission STS-103 to launch Thursday

Launch countdown for Space Shuttle Discovery is under way with launch expected to occur at 8:18 p.m. CST Thursday. This is the third and final Shuttle mission of 1999. STS-103 is slated to last nine days, 21 hours. Discovery will return to Kennedy Space Center in Florida at about 5:56 CST Dec. 26. The mission is designed to replace worn parts on the 9-year-old Hubble Space Telescope and upgrade other systems on the space observatory.

**NASA Exchange,
Bldg. 4752, will be
closed Christmas
and New Year's
Day**

**MESA meets
Thursday at
11:30 a.m., Bldg.
4471, room C-105**

Chandra Program Office retirement reception Thursday

The Chandra X-ray Observatory Program Office will hold a retirement reception from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday in Bldg. 4200, room 509. Honorees are Fred S. Wojtalik, Jean R. Olivier, Max E. Rosenthal and J. Kenneth Stephens. Everyone is invited.

Center blood drive Friday, North loop of Bldg. 4203

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Friday in the North loop of Bldg. 4203. Those whose last names begin with A-B should donate at 8 a.m.; C-F, 8:30 a.m.; G-H, 9 a.m.; I-L, 9:30 a.m.; M-O, 10 a.m.; P-S, 10:30 a.m.; and T-Z, 11 a.m. Red Cross representatives will be available until 1:30 p.m. for employees unable to make appointments.

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